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In re Application of

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ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the papers styled, "Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Non-Provisional Application and Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181," filed on August 23, 2004, which has been treated as a Petition under 37 CFR 1.53, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 16, 2003, including Figures 5A-C as described in the specification.

The application was filed on December 16, 2003. However, on June 22, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) mailed a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" (Notice) that stated the application had been accorded a filing date, but Figures 5A-C as described in the specification appear to have been omitted.

In response, on August 23, 2004 the instant petition and one (1) sheet of drawings (which includes Figure 5A-C) were submitted. The papers were accompanied by a copy of applicant's postcard receipt that acknowledges receipt of "13 (thirteen) Formal Drawings," on December 16, 2003. A review of the application file indicates the presence of only twelve (12) sheets of drawings originally filed on December 16, 2003, with the sheet containing Figures 5A-C missing. It is assumed that the missing sheet of drawings containing Figures 5A-C was misplaced by the Office.

In view of the above, the petition is granted.

The \$130.00 petition fee has not been charged.

This application will be returned to OIPE for processing with a filing date of December 16, 2003, using the one (1) sheet of drawings, containing Figures 5A-C, that was submitted with the petition on August 23, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3228.

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